**BUSH FIRES ACT 1854**

Full title: *An Act to make provision against the danger of Bush and other Fires*

The key provisions in this act are:

* Prevents the burning of stubble , hay or grass between December and March at prescribed times
* Penalties for any offence
* Restrictions on the use of firearms that may start a fire
* Covers management of campfires, smoking and blasting of trees.

Note: Prior to 1857 the colony of SA was ruled by a Governor responsible to the British Crown. Legislation was enacted by the Governor following consideration by a five person Council of Government and later expanded to seven and called the Legislative Council. No Hansard was prepared.

Acts passed between 1836 and 1857 are covered on this History of Agriculture site with the full title and summary of the key provisions of the Act.